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SUBJECT: JOURNALISTS VISITS TO DIEGO GARCIA

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1. WE SEE NO PRESENT NEED FOR VISIT OF NEPALESE JOURNALISTS TO DIEGO GARCIA, AND THERE MAY BE SOME RISK THAT SUCH VISIT WOULD STIR UP A SUBJECT WHICH HAS THUS FAR BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET IN NEPAL. PRESS COVERAGE OF DIEGO GARCIA HERE HAS BEEN SPARSE AND EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS HAVE ACCORDED IT LOW PRIORITY. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH GON LOW PROFILE ON THIS ISSUE.
2. KEY TO LOCAL REACTION ON DIEGO GARCIA ISSUE IS POSTURE OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH DETERMINES PRESS COVERAGE OF INFLUENTIAL SEMI-OFFICIAL RISING NEPAL, GORKHAPATRA AND GOVERNMENT NEWS SERVICE RSS.
3. NEPALESE JOURNALISTS CERTAINLY COULD DEVELOP INTEREST IN VISITING DIEGO GARCIA AS AND WHEN THEY BECOME AWARE PROGRAM OF VISITS BY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IS UNDERWAY. IF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT OR CHANGE IN LOCAL PRESS POSTURE ON DIEGO GARCIA MAKES VISIT BY NEPAL JOURNALISTS DESIRABLE, INVITATION WOULD MOST PROFITABLY BE DIRECTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE QUASI-GOVERNMENT MEDIA, SINCE PRIVATE PRESS IS NOT INFLUENTIAL HERE.

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